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## A CHRISTMAS WISH



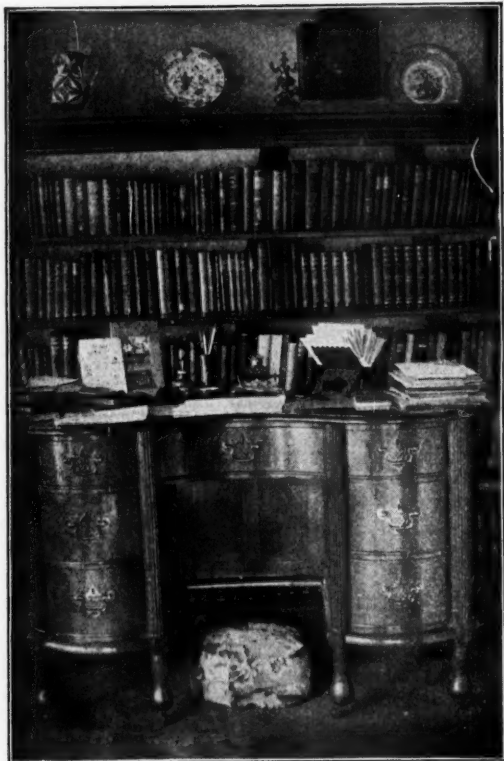
WHAT blessing can I wish you, O my friends,  
Save that the joyful calm of Christmas-tide  
Should wrap your hearts so close that never jar  
Of the world's care or grief can enter in.  
But only love to keep you pitiful,  
And faith and hope, to keep you strong and true,  
"A Merry Christmas," and "A Glad New Year"  
I wish you, and may God's exceeding love  
Enfold you all, until His tender hand  
Shall lead you safely home, to love's own land.

In the pure soul, although it sing or pray,  
The Christ is born anew from day to day.  
The life that knoweth Him shall hide apart  
And keep eternal Christmas in the heart.

—*The Woman's Tribune.*



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



December again, with all that the month suggests of sharing and giving, as well as receiving. At this time the beautiful work of the Sunshine Society especially appeals to us. We feel an upwelling tenderness for every unloved or hungry child; or one that is, in any way, deprived of the joyous rights of childhood. We say to ourselves, "If I had plenty of money, how much I would do!" *Would we?* We are asked to give only what we have. If we are not giving, freely and gladly, the love, sympathy and prayer, the neighborly kindness, the spoken or written word of cheer, often so much more needed than a bank note, would we be more generous with money? Oh, to have more of

the Christ love which includes all and gives all; and, grateful for the power to give, expects no material returns! . . . Hearty congratulations to the "Girls' Missionary Band," of Lawrence, Mass., for the splendid work they are doing; and welcome to the auxiliary in Oakland, Me., organized in October with fifteen members. . . . The F. B. W. M. S. of the Rhode Island District held its Twenty-fourth annual meeting at Pawtucket, Oct. 25. The address of the afternoon was, "Japan: Her Need, Our Opportunity," by Mrs. Parshley of Newton Centre, Mass. Among suggestive features of the program, we note, "News From the Field," by Mrs. Metcalf, and "Helpful Things at Ocean Park," by Miss Fenner. . . . The president of the Providence auxiliary writes, "We held our annual meeting Oct. 17, with good reports and seventy persons to supper. We reached this year, for the first time, our ideal of raising \$100, by membership fees. We voted to refurnish one of the rooms at

Lincoln Hall, Storer College." . . . A Michigan worker reports that the meetings of the state association at Reading were good all through. Those of the W. M. S. were excellent, and the reports showed that better work has been done this year than for some time previous. Miss Barnes spoke acceptably. The new president, Mrs. Putnam, is taking hold of the work in earnest. An executive committee meeting has been held and plans made for the future. At a recent meeting of the local auxiliary in Hillsdale, held at the home of the pastor of the church, there was a large attendance. Miss Garwood, state treasurer, gave a talk on state work, and Mrs. Stock gave, in costume, the picture of the life of a Japanese peasant girl. It was very fine. Afterward tea and cakes were served and a social hour enjoyed. . . . On a souvenir post card, dated Nagasaki, Japan, Oct. 14, Miss Coombs wrote, "Having a very pleasant voyage." . . . Ma Phillips writes of Miss Scott as "a faithful, tireless missionary"; she adds, "One day Miss Scott was on her way to her work when she was obliged to leave her bullock-carriage for want of a road to go farther, but the work was beyond. Rain had turned the foot-paths into muddy streams, so the only way to go on was to take off shoes and stockings and wade through the mud as best she could. I told her I was sure she did wrong in thus exposing herself, but she replied, 'That was the only way to reach my work'." . . . Have you carefully examined the premium and clubbing offers on the fourth page of cover? . . . Thanks are returned for the booklets on "Christian Stewardship," published by the Methodist Mission, Toronto; and for the series of leaflets on Mission Study, published by our own Gen. Con. and furnished by Mr. Myers. You will be interested in the new leaflet on "Medical Mission Work" by Dr. Kennan. . . . If you have access to a public library, you will find the series of articles on Africa, in *Harper's Monthly*, of interest and help in your mission study for the year. . . . After we are fully settled in our new printing house, we hope and expect to have a prompt issue of the magazine the first of each month; in fact, the November HELPERS were delivered at the office the first day of the month, but difficulty arising from the process of gaining admission for the magazine through a new Post Office occasioned delay.

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Never fear to bring the greatest comfort to the least trouble and the largest inspiration to the smallest duty.—*Phillips Brooks*.

THE MISSIONARY HELPER BRANCH  
OF THE  
**International Sunshine Society**

Have you had a kindness shown?  
Pass it on.  
'Twas not given for you alone—  
Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years,  
Let it wipe another's tears,  
Till in heaven the deed appears,  
Pass it on.

ALL letters, packages, or inquiries concerning this page, or Sunshine work, should be addressed to Mrs. Rivington D. Lord, 593 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., president of this branch.

We greet one and all with a very Merry Xmas. This is the month when every one is trying to make some other person happy, so we are filled with the sunshine spirit. May we just bubble over with good cheer, especially to those who are sad and lonely. We expect that many of the HELPER BRANCH will send a gift or a few stamps to the President or write asking for an address, if they wish to send direct to the recipient.

#### SUNSHINE ACTS

Miss Elizabeth S. Knight has given one dollar. If it were possible we would publish what has been done in the name of sunshine, it is wonderful how many hearts can be made glad with a dollar bill.

Since Mrs. N. E. Hutchins has been restored to health, she has visited invalids in hospitals, and others who are shut-in, and those whom she cannot visit she cheers with a sunshine letter.

A "Portland Member" is also writing letters and sending out sunshine in many ways.

Since there is an increasing need for letters of good cheer, other members are requested to write the President for names and addresses. There is also a call for green trading stamps.

Mrs. J. M. West reports sending one hundred pounds of books and Christian literature to Rev. J. M. Arter of Cairo, Ill., for use in the Manning Bible School. This is a worthy object and we hope Mrs. West's good cheer act will remind others to do likewise.

Mrs. Julia Traver has remembered us again with a gift of fifty cents, this is only one of her many kind acts. Mrs. Augusta A. Fleisher, a package of reading matter.

A large roll of MISSIONARY HELPERS has been received with no address, will the sender accept thanks.

Mrs. Sarah A. Fisher has changed her residence from Bowdoinham, Maine, to Watertown, Mass. She is sending the *Outlook* regularly and it is passed on to a number of readers.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. B. A. Parker of North Berwick, Maine, in the recent death, after many months of sickness, of her dear father. Sunshine greetings of comfort and good cheer will be highly appreciated by this faithful daughter.

#### INVALIDS' BED

Mrs. Harriet Jenkins has given twenty-five cents toward the bed for our New Jersey member, (see November HELPER.) Send in your mite quickly so that we can supply this greatly needed sunshine.

#### NEW MEMBERS

On Sept. 24th a little sunbeam came into the home of Mrs. C. N. Brown, and brought so much gladness that the sunshine mother asks that she be enrolled, and sent one dollar as dues. Laura May is lovingly received among us, and we wish her a long life of happiness.

Mrs. Ora G. Wells requests that Bessie M. Brood of New Hampton, N. H., be enrolled in our junior circle; as dues, she gave fancy cards to cheer some crippled children.

Mrs. L. A. Dowdy of New York City gives, as initiation dues, a subscription to the MISSIONARY HELPER.

# Helps for Monthly Meetings

"With knowledge to supply the fuel, the Word and Spirit to add the spark, and prayer to fan the flame, missionary fires will be kindled, and souls will be set ablaze with holy zeal."



## TOPICS FOR 1905-1906

October—Roll-call and Membership.  
November—Outline Study of Africa:  
1. The Dark Continent.  
December—2. The Nile Country.  
January—3. West Africa.  
February—Prayer and Praise.  
March—Free Baptist Home Missions.  
April—4. East Africa.  
May—Thank-Offering.  
June—5. Congo State and Central Africa.  
July—6. South Africa.  
August—Missionary Field Day.  
September—Free Baptist Foreign Missions.

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### JANUARY.—WEST AFRICA

(*Christus Liberator*, Chapter III.)

#### Suggestive Program

"There is no other field of missionary effort so vitally connected with our own national problems as Africa."

Opening Exercises:—"Mission Hymn" (Gospel Hymns, No. 6, page 115); Scripture Reading, Psalm 115; Prayer.

New Year's Roll Call:—Response by each member with a thought or suggestion helpful to the spiritual life, the daily routine at home, or the practical work of the auxiliary for the coming year.

Map Study:—Point out the different places mentioned in this lesson, giving important characteristics of each and stating to what country each belongs. The exercises should be very definite and thorough, in order that all members may have a clear idea of what follows. (See suggestions in Lectures on *Christus Liberator*, page 16.)

Three Minute Talks:—By different members, each taking one station, district, state or colony, in the order mentioned in the chapter and bringing out the vital points.

The Story of Samuel Crowther. (See "Afric's Forest and Jungle," chapter 4.)

Picture Study:—Show pictures No. 2, 3, 10a, 16, 17 and 19 of United Study set, calling attention to the contrast between the pagan and Christian families.

Quiz:—Previously prepare twelve questions which will bring out the salient points of the lesson and ask the study class, as a whole or individual members, to answer them. No matter if the same fact is repeated several times during the meeting, it will serve to fix it in memory.

Prayer for Africa.



## FROM OUR GENERAL AGENT

The annual report of the MISSIONARY HELPER revealed the loss of two hundred subscribers the past year, and a consequent increase in the deficit in current expenses.

These facts, together with the increased cost of printing, the result of being obliged to move from the *Morning Star* office, call for special effort the coming year toward the financial support of our magazine. It has always been the policy of our society to rally to the help of the department of our work that most needed it. Just now our magazine needs renewed and increased love and work and prayer and giving, to enable it to do its best work and that it may not become too heavy a tax on the treasury of the society. At the recent annual meeting, held Oct. 12th, the following action was taken as the result of much careful consideration:

"Our MISSIONARY HELPER has reached a point in its history where, because of changed conditions over which the society has no control, it must have a largely increased subscription list, or a largely increased deficit, and as a larger number of subscribers means more interest in the work of the W. M. S., we submit the following plan, as formulated at the Maine State Association: First, that persons pledge five subscribers a year, for a term of three years, said subscribers to be new on the start, and secured, as far as practicable, in harmony with the local agent's work; and that the one pledging these subscribers shall see that each pays yearly for his or her subscription of the MISSIONARY HELPER, or that some new name is substituted. Second, that all persons thus pledging shall be reported, with name and address to Mrs. E. H. Andrews, who is to keep the list and see that these pledges are fulfilled. Whether the subscription list of the HELPER is increased or not, we must have our little magazine, because it is a better agent for missionary work than a salaried officer could be, so we invite its friends to take shares of three dollars each in its support, paying yearly until they otherwise notify. These pledges shall also be kept and looked after by Mrs. Andrews. These pledges, both for subscribers and shares, shall constitute a "MISSIONARY HELPER Roll" and shall be added to, corrected and printed yearly by the Agent of the HELPER."

Following the adoption of these resolutions, pledges were made for nine shares at three dollars each, and twelve pledges by those who were willing to become responsible for five new subscriptions for three years. These, with similar pledges made at Maine State Association, make a fine nucleus from which to work, but this is the beginning only. We expect that each Yearly Meeting, State Association, Quarterly Meeting and local Auxiliary will, at their next meeting, bring up for action, the needs of our magazine and these plans for meeting those needs, and proceed to help in one or both of these ways. Kindly send a report of what you are doing to your Agent who is ready to help you in any way possible.



These methods are not to lessen our efforts in securing new subscribers in the usual ways. The most satisfactory support of a magazine is through the subscription list. These new methods are supplemental to the subscription list, but we hope the time will come when the regular subscriptions will bring income enough to pay all current bills. There is more need of effective work by agents than ever, and also by any one who can secure one or more new subscribers. If these notes reach any individuals who from choice or convenience wish to send pledges direct to the General Agent, such will be gladly received and credit given.

Yours for service,

ELLA H. ANDREWS.

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### CHRISTMAS SUNSHINE

*Dear Editor*—It is so near Christmas time I am beginning our Christmas greetings by sending one to you and the readers of your publication. You have always been most kind in publishing Sunshine news, and again I want to thank you.

We still consider ourselves a newspaper club, although our membership now reaches all over the world and takes in all kinds of members and workers of all denominations. Our dues—a kind deed—can be paid by any one no matter what part of the world he may be in.

Our Christmas greeting will go to every State in the Union. Gifts forwarded to us are sent out early so as to be sure and go into the stockings the night before Christmas.

We need hundreds of dolls, jack knives, books, toys, games, boxes of candy, etc., to put in the stockings of the little folks who heretofore have looked in vain. Let us all do just a little—just enough to stop the sobbing of the child who has been forgotten.

CYNTHIA WESTON ALDEN, President-General, I. S. S.

Send all contributions to Mrs. Rivington D. Lord, President Helper Branch, 593 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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### CORRECTION

On page 324 of the November HELPER, in the fourth line of the official announcement concerning the Joint Committee report, the word "gives" should be "goes." Please correct in your magazines.—[Editor.]

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The old year is fast slipping back behind us. We cannot stay it if we would. We must go on and leave our past. Let us go forth nobly. Let us go as those whom greater deeds await beyond.—*Phillips Brooks.*

# Young People

Dec. 24, 1905.—"The Brotherhood of Man." (A Christmas Missionary Meeting.) I. John 2: 7-11; 3: 12-15.

(a) The Old Idea. Though the Biblical story of Adam and Eve plainly showed this, the equality of all people in God's sight was first forcefully proclaimed by Christ and His followers. (Read sermon on the mount, especially Matt. 7: 7, 8; Paul's sermon at Athens, Acts 17: 22-31.) The Old Testament is permeated with the idea of "a chosen people," of class distinction, of terrible destruction divinely approved, of special indulgence toward particular sinners, of race hatred, of Israel's God. (Cite passages to prove these assertions.) There was no brotherhood in secular or religious teaching or practice. The leader should briefly discuss the social and religious position of women. Their God was a distant God, approached and understood only by the priesthood. A religious oligarchy of vast power was thus established. Some of the evil workings of which still prevail. The reformation corrected this.

(b) The New Idea. Christ's idea of the Brotherhood of Man includes all races and has cost the world much in the sacrifice of life, property and happiness. Witness the cost of opening up the foreign fields for the teaching of Christianity. The cost of securing the Abolition of Slavery in our own country furnishes an illustration; and although war is always to be deplored, this was a means of blessing to the colored race and an expression of the belief that the Brotherhood of Man is a fundamental principle of Christianity. The genius of modern civilization is based on it. Speak of missionaries, effects of railroads, telegraph, swift ships, commerce, travel, as agencies in establishing this great idea.

(c) Accomplished How? By living the Christ life; by helping others to live it, the more favored and intelligent must assist the less fortunate. We are to go into *all the world* and let our lights shine. We need a more determined earnestness; a zeal for serving the lowly; a consciousness of fulfilling our Father's will; a humble spirit and a belief that our lives shall thus be spiritually enriched and that He will care for His own.

BY PRESIDENT HENRY T. McDONALD,  
*Harper's Ferry, W. Va.*

## FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GIRLS' MISSIONARY BAND.

FREE BAPTIST CHURCH, LAWRENCE, MASS.

The Girls' Missionary Band of the Free Baptist church of Lawrence, Mass., was organized November 11, 1904, with a membership of seventeen to which eleven have since been added, seven of which are Honorary members. The usual officers and membership and program committee, consisting of a chairman and three others, were elected to serve for one year.

The object of the society was to "Help spread the Gospel throughout the world and to assist in the support of Esther of India." The meetings were to be held fortnightly, a missionary and sewing meeting alternating. Five missionary meetings and thirteen others were held. The last Sunday of June the girls led the monthly missionary meeting of the Young Peoples' Society of the church. Maps and charts, made by members, were used for illustrating. The subject was "Japan."

Jan. 28, 1905, a definite line of missionary study was decided upon. The book chosen being "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom." April 26, 1905, the girls held a sale and entertainment in the church parlors which netted thirty dollars, ten of which was sent to Miss DeMeritte for Esther in India. May 24, 1905, a letter was received from Miss Coombs; May 30, 1905, one from Dr. Shirley Smith and July 31, 1905, one from Miss Dawson, all in regard to Esther.

On Wednesday evening, June 14, 1905, at a special meeting, the society voted to discontinue the meetings during the vacation. On recommencing work, the first meeting and election occurred Thursday, October 19, 1905. The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year:

Superintendent, Mrs. Walter Hayes; assistant superintendent, Miss Christine Hackett; president, Miss Ida Dearborn; vice-president, Miss Pearl Hackett; second vice-president, Miss Ethel Thomas; secretary, Miss Laurel Ruddock; treasurer, Miss Gertrude Hackett; with a program and membership committee as before.

Eight of our members take the MISSIONARY HELPER and we hope to say that "all" are doing so before long.

LAUREL E. RUDDOCK, *Secretary.*

*187 Parker Street, Lawrence, Mass.*

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THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
**Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society**

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MINUTES

The thirty-second annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society was held at the Free Baptist church, Somersworth, N. H., according to the following call, printed in the *Morning Star*, according to the Constitution:—

"The annual meeting of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society will be held at the Free Baptist church, Somersworth, N. H., Thursday, Oct. 12, 1905, at 9 A. M., for the following purposes: Election of officers; to hear report of joint committee in reply to our action in May, and such other business as may legally come before it.

"ALICE M. METCALF, *Rec. Sec.*

"*Ocean Park, Me., Sept. 11, 1905.*"

The president, Mrs. Mary A. Davis, presided.

Devotional service was led by Mrs. M. E. Dixon, Rochester, N. H.

Records of Board of Managers were read and approved.

The Quiet Hour was observed.

Report of the New England secretary, Mrs. A. B. Webber, was read and accepted.

Report of the Western secretary, Mrs. A. A. McKenney, was read by Mrs. M. G. Osgood and accepted.

Report of the treasurer, Miss L. A. DeMeritte, was read and approved.

Report of children's secretary, East, Mrs. M. W. Thomas, was approved.

Report of the Cradle Roll Department was read by Mrs. A. E. Wilson and accepted.

The resignation of Mrs. Ada M. L. George, Superintendent of the Cradle Roll Department, was presented. It was referred to the nominating committee with suggestions.

Report of editor of the MISSIONARY HELPER was adopted.

Report of publisher of the MISSIONARY HELPER was read and adopted.

Report of the publication committee was read by Mrs. A. I. Davis, and adopted.



Report of corresponding secretary was read and adopted.

Report of Bureau of Missionary Intelligence was adopted.

Report of Finance committee, Mrs. C. A. Ricker, chairman, was read and adopted.

Report of Western committee was read by Mrs. M. S. Waterman and adopted.

Report of delegate to the National Council of Women was heard and approved.

The suggestions offered were referred to the executive committee.

Adjourned to 2 P. M.

At 2 P. M. the society met according to adjournment.

The president, Mrs. Mary A. Davis was in the chair.

Devotional service was led by Mrs. A. M. Cousins.

Address of welcome by Mrs. A. B. Webber and response by Mrs. Mary A. Davis.

The officers were elected. [See page 362.]

The report of joint committee was read by the secretary, also condition for its acceptance. After much discussion, it was voted to accept the plan offered, if the conditions are accepted by General Conference Board of Free Baptists.

Committee on resolutions for the coming year was as follows:—Mrs. A. D. Chapman, Lewiston, Me.; Mrs. Lizzie Sanborn, Loudan, N. H.; Mrs. A. E. Wilson, Dover, N. H.

Committee on nominations was as follows:—Mrs. A. M. Cousins, Steep Falls, Me.; Mrs. A. I. Davis, Somersworth, N. H.; Mrs. W. E. Dennett, Pascoag, R. I.; Mrs. S. L. Brown, Lowell, Mass.; Miss Elizabeth Salmon, Hillsdale, Mich.

*Voted*, That apportionments for HELPERS and money to states be the same as last year.

The following declarations and resolutions were adopted:—

#### DECLARATIONS OF THE F. B. W. M. SOCIETY.

The thirty-second year of the F. B. W. M. S. has been so full of mercies, in the work of Storer college, of the India field, and in its finances, that we feel deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father, and wish to recommit all the work and plans of the society to his keeping, with a renewed purpose to follow his leadings. We note with appreciation the loyalty of its constituency, and their willingness to follow the poli-



cies which the society from time to time inaugurate. We rejoice that the indebtedness of our General Conference has been met and seek the richest blessings of God upon its future work. We bespeak a large increase in the subscription list of the *Morning Star*, which needs and should have the loyal support of the whole denomination. We recommend that state auxiliaries divide yearly the apportionments made to them, by the W. M. S., among their several Quarterly Meetings, asking each to sub-divide the same among their several auxiliaries and churches, notifying each of the amount which they are asked to contribute. We urge every state to make a special effort each year to have a Thank-Offering in May in every church and local auxiliary. This can only be done by securing the co-operation of every Quarterly Meeting connected with the State Society.

Our MISSIONARY HELPER, has reached a point in its history, where, because of changed conditions over which the society has no control, it must have a largely increased subscription list, or a largely increased deficit, and as a larger number of subscribers means more interest in the work of the W. M. S., we submit the following plan, as formulated at the Maine State Association:—

1 That persons pledge five (5) subscribers a year, for a term of three (3) years, said subscribers to be new on the start, and secured as far as practicable in harmony with the local agent's work; and that the one pledging these subscribers shall see that each pay yearly for his or her subscription of the MISSIONARY HELPER, or that some new name is substituted.

2 That all persons thus pledging, shall be reported, with name and address, to Mrs. E. H. Andrews, agent, who is to keep the list and see that these yearly pledges are fulfilled. Whether the subscription list of the MISSIONARY HELPER is increased or not, we must have our little magazine, because it is a better agent for missionary work than a salaried officer could be, so we invite its friends to take shares of three (3) dollars each in its support, paying yearly until they otherwise notify. These pledges shall also be kept and looked after by the agent. These pledges, both for subscriber and sharer shall constitute a "MISSIONARY HELPER Roll," and shall be added to, corrected and printed yearly by the agent of the HELPER.

We need to emphasize the vital importance of the Junior Society and Cradle Roll, since all the future of our denomination rests upon the

children. Realizing the great spiritual uplift to be gained from the Quiet Hour, at 10 o'clock A. M., we commend to all our members its most faithful observance.

We hereby instruct our executive committee to prepare a letter embodying the foregoing declarations, with any suggestions which they may wish to make, to be printed in the MISSIONARY HELPER for January, with the request that it be read in the mid-winter Quarterly Meetings, Associations and Conferences.

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## Resolutions

Whereas Mrs. A. A. McKenney, who for many years has been the Home Secretary for our Western Department of work, feels compelled to give up this office,

*Resolved*, That we extend to her our hearty thanks for the long, devoted and efficient services which she has given to the extension of the Western work, confident that her interest in the Woman's Missionary Society will never wane so long as life lasts, which we trust will be many years, and may they be filled with best of blessings from our Father's hand.

Whereas Mrs. Ada M. L. George has decided that other cares make it necessary for her to resign the superintendency of the Cradle Roll of Little Light Bearers,

*Resolved*, That we accept her resignation with regret and assure her of our appreciation of her loving, faithful and efficient service as Superintendent, and of her original notes and news in the HELPER. We also bespeak her continued interest and aid in this important department of our work.

We most gratefully extend to the members of this church and auxiliary our hearty thanks for their gracious welcome and generous hospitality, realizing that much of the success and enjoyment of this session is due to their kindly efforts in our behalf. Also to the local press which has so fully reported our meetings.

MARY W. THOMAS,  
FRANCES S. MOSHER.

## REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Another year, freighted with its failures and its successes, its losses and its gains, its sorrows and its joys, has slipped away, and we again try to gather in reports from the different departments of our work. They are coming very slowly. Some from the home field and some from India have not yet arrived. Into the lives of some of our members great changes have come. Homes and auxiliaries miss those who have been promoted to the work above where they have none of the limitations or perplexities with which we have to grapple. Some of these have been closely identified with the work of this Society from its birth; mothers who have watched, steadied, and guided it, by words of encouragement, with hearty giving, by earnest, prevailing prayer through all the thirty-two years of its life. How much of our growth and success as a society we owe to them will never be known until "the Books are opened." Others have been taken in the strength of their womanhood, and the work they seemed so well fitted to carry on is left to other hands. May the memory of their useful lives, their strong faith and firm reliance on God be an inspiration to us, to lead us as individuals and as a society to ever seek to do "that which is right in the sight of God."

## HOME FIELD

STORER COLLEGE, HARPER'S FERRY, WEST VA.

Report of President H. T. McDonald:—

In submitting this annual report, I think I do not over-estimate the fact when I say that, so far as organization of work and efficiency of courses offered are concerned, the college is in the best condition it has ever been in. The industrial departments are being brought into greater prominence and the movement is meeting with general commendation. The Lewis W. Anthony Industrial Building is a splendid structure and we believe that the unusually large crowd present at its dedication bespeaks a renewed interest in Storer and we look for a larger enrollment next year. During the year just closed 72 young women and 43 young men have been enrolled. On June 1st a fine class of seven young women and five young men were graduated.

I would like to call attention to a few facts which we must recognize. In so doing there is not the slightest desire to criticize the past or find fault with the present. One fact is, that Storer is practically without equipment of pictures, chemical and physical apparatus or library fund.

Again, our heating and sanitary arrangements, as all who have visited Storer know, are wholly unsatisfactory, and then we need more funds. We are especially fortunate in receiving \$2,500, annually, from the state of West Virginia, which is equivalent to having the income from an endowment of \$50,000; but this is an uncertain quantity. Should that appropriation fail us we would be in a very embarrassed condition. It is apparent we must have larger contributions and a more rapid increase of endowment. The W. M. S. has most nobly aided the Home Mission cause. But the question is, cannot further assistance be rendered the college, by bringing its pressing needs before people who would gladly connect their names forever with such a work in this most historic spot. The treasurer and president, desire to meet such people and bring to their attention Storer and its needs. Cannot letters of introduction be secured?

*Pressing Needs.* Myrtle Hall needs new beds, and matting for floors. We wish to put in simple iron bed-steads. \$20 will refit a room. Beside the regular appropriations made to the work, I would respectfully ask that \$50 be put into my hands to be expended in the best possible way to furnish, and better equip with materials, cabinet, etc., Miss Sim's department. I would further like \$25 to be used in purchasing further needed equipment for the cookery department.

I cannot close without expressing my deep sense of appreciation for the abiding interest and faith of your Society in all the important work of Storer College. No more vital question confronts the American people than the question of how best to mould into valuable, productive citizens the colored Americans. My convictions become more fixed with each passing year that this can only be done through the influence of *Christian* education. In bringing about the time when it may more truly be said, "Righteousness exalteth a Nation," the Free Baptists have had an honorable past. May we not hope that their work is not finished, but just begun.

Report of Mrs. Lura B. Lightner, Preceptress:—

I have had the usual number of classes, with reviews and examination papers. In a school like this, there is much work to be done, out of school hours, in connection with literary societies, public occasions and discipline. This is assigned to the various teachers, each one carrying his share. I have had charge of the library, since the resignation of



Miss Sands, to which I give one period each day, and as much more time as I can spare.

The past year has been brightened by many blessings in the form of improvements to the halls and grounds. The bath tubs have been set, the laundry much enlarged, the Lewis W. Anthony Industrial Building completed, and all the frame houses repainted. The teacher's platform has been rebuilt, and opening day will find us with a new and handsome matting carpet, the gift of Mrs. Metcalf, last anniversary. We have nearly 100 volumes of books for the library shelves, and a set of blacksmith tools, all of which mean increased facilities for work.

The most important need, at the present time, is a new heating plant. The cost of one thoroughly up-to-date is so great, we have not had the faith to go forward. What it would mean in the matter of health and comfort cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. Last year a beginning was made in the matter of new furniture for the dormitories. Sanitary single iron bedsteads and bureaus are greatly needed for Lincoln Hall. A few dollars given, and wisely expended, will prove a good investment for the future. The outlook for the coming year gives promise of a largely increased attendance.

Report of Miss E. L. Sims, Domestic Science:—

Another school year has passed and we find there have been improvements in our work which give encouragement for increased efforts. My senior class after realizing the fact that they had their commencement dresses to make, crossed the bridge many times before they reached the stream, because they had always been used to giving the order and having their dresses made, even the most common ones. How anxious, then, they would naturally feel that this dress, above all others, should look exceedingly nice. A week before Commencement the "Bridge of Sighs" was crossed, and all was joy and sunshine. It was a great satisfaction to the audience to look upon the eleven girls of that graduating class (to none more than to their teacher.) "How sweet they look, and, just think, they made their own dresses!" were remarks heard on every side.

The juniors and third year classes did better with their models this year than the graduating class did last year. Their work, as a whole, was very satisfactory. I had a class of girls that met, after school, one hour each week to do fancy work. One girl was appointed to read a story, or some good magazine article, while the rest of us worked. A class of six or seven boys did very good work in the way of patching, buttonholes, and plain sewing. One of the boys made a nice pair of little pants. The exhibit of last year, from this department, was retained in Charleston, by the State Superintendent of Public Schools, to be compared with the work of its kind from other schools. So favorably did it compare that there was an order sent to one of my girls to make and send to Charleston a pair of slippers. I am still very anxious for a fur-

nished cabinet for this department. We shall be very thankful for anything that can be used in my work.

Report of Miss Mary E. Brady, English Branches:—

At the close of another school year it is with no little anxiety that we have watched the students depart for their homes and places of employment. It is impossible to be associated with a body of willing students and congenial teachers, for eight months or more, without feeling a sense of sadness when the parting time comes. Some will return; others, never. New ones will come to take the places of those who have finished their courses. I have enjoyed this year's work even more than that of previous years and we have had a larger number of students. Mention has been made of the many improvements about the buildings and grounds. They have added greatly to the interest of the work, especially in the Industrial department. We hope to enjoy as many more in the near future. My classes have been practically the same as last year. As our thoughts and plans are now turned toward a new session, we are anticipating an increased roll and even greater interest among the students.

[No reports received from Miss Smith or Miss Brown.]

## INDIA.

### MIDNAPORE.

MISSIONARIES: Mary W. Bacheler, M.D., Miss Ella M. Butts, Miss Lavina C. Coombs.

Dr. Bacheler's story of the year's work:—

*Zenana Work.* It has gone on about the same as usual, with ups and downs and sometimes work closed because the teacher was sick and no one was available to take her place. I have met with the teachers almost every morning, as they come to the house to start out for their work, though sometimes I have been so busy in the Dispensary that I have asked Miss Butts to have prayers with them. I have not been as regular as I hoped to be in giving out leaflets every week, as I have not always on hand such as I cared to send out. They have been so well received, however, that I have been encouraged. One teacher tells me that when she has read the leaflet in all the houses, she always gives it away to a certain one who wants it.

The woman who used to collect the pupils for Netya's school died this year and it was difficult to find someone to take her place. But I was able, finally, to get a younger woman who will do better. Netya and her baby were at death's door for a while, early in the hot weather, and if Mrs. Murphy had not kindly opened the "Girls' House" for them, I think both would have died. But both eventually recovered and Netya was able to go to work after the long vacation. While Netya was ill



and I had to send someone else in her place, sometimes one and sometime another, the school ran down quite a little, so when the work opened again, I sent Josoda, one of my best teachers, who has had a good deal of experience in school teaching, and in her hands it is doing better. I have started another small school, in another part of the town, in connection with one of the other teacher's work. There were several girls who wanted to learn, so I said if a certain number could be collected, I would send a teacher every day. One morning, last cold weather, one of the teachers told me about one of the ex-pupils of the zenana work, one of Miss Coombs' pupils, who has been a widow for some time, but lived in her father's house, because he loved her and did not want to send her to her people-in-law, who might illtreat her. When he died, the three brothers were not so kind to her, and after a time they told her she must earn her own living. The sisters-in-law were unkind and encouraged the brothers in bad treatment of the widow. They abused her so cruelly that, finally, she made up her mind to leave them, and she told one of the teachers that she wanted to come to us. I sent word to her to wait till I could make some arrangement for her, but the older brother beat her, and one Saturday morning, before sunrise, she came to us and said she would never go back again. What to do with her was the next question. The following Monday I took her to Calcutta and left her with some dear, good people, where she has her heart's desires, for she is preserving her virtue, has learned about Jesus, and is gaining a way of earning her own living. I went to see her, recently, and found her looking very well, happy and contented. Her coming out raised a great commotion in the native community, and the work in that part of the town was closed for some months. Her people and people-in-law are more or less outcasted till they pay a fine, when they will be reinstated in their caste.

Not long ago, one of the teachers came to me, saying that an ex-pupil of the zenana work, in another part of the town, wanted to come to us. She was married, as a child, to a man who was unkind to her, and so while her father lived he did not let her go to her husband who married another wife. Now the mother and brothers want to get rid of this girl, and tell her to commit suicide or become a prostitute, anything to get off their hands. She had heard of Sorojini, and knew we would be kind to her if she came to us. But I hesitated on account of her having a husband, even though she wasn't living with him. I sent two women with the teacher and they had a talk with the mother, who scouted the idea of the girl's leaving home, and finally reviled the women. Were the girl a widow it would be another matter; but I could not take a married woman unless with the consent of her people. You will see from these little indications that the zenana work amounts to something after all, though results are so slow to appear on the surface.

We had a pleasant visit from Miss Brock, the Government School

Inspectress, who gave us some new ideas of work. She was so pleasant, we were glad of her visit, which was suggestive in many ways.

Statistics are about the same as last year, the numbers of the zenana work keeping about the same. The things sent out at Christmas time gave a great deal of pleasure. I sent to Calcutta and got some little faucy bowls and some dolls, and we gave the usual bags and an orange and pencils. Whatever else is or is not given out, each pupil looks for a book bag of the same old shape and size as they always get and have always had; that is why we are so glad when you people at home respond generously to our calls for school bags, for it eats a long way into the sometimes scanty donations to have to buy the cloth and hire the bags made, and they are not nearly so pleasing to the pupils, as something that comes all the way from the land across the ocean. The weekly meeting for Bible study has been held up and has been well attended by my teachers.

The Dispensary has been closed about 45 days out of the 365 of the year. I have had about 1,440 patients, who have been attended 6,250 times. I hardly know how to say exactly what I mean without a little explanation. An individual patient is counted only once, as an individual; but each time he is seen or heard from he is recorded in another column of the record. (The nine columns are for recording the individual number, the daily number, the whole number, from the beginning of the year, the age, sex, nationality, the number on the ticket, if it is an old patient the history of the case and the treatment.) 484 visits have been paid during the year. This does not represent the number of patients seen at their homes, but the number of visits paid. One Sunday evening I was called out to see some patients and found nine to attend to in one house. The patients were recorded one by one, but only one visit. The proportion of women and children patients is on the increase, and I have had more diseases of women than ever before. As most of them get well, this is a favorite department, and I am glad, many times, for the excellent drill I had in Boston, the last winter and spring I was at home. I find I have gained greatly in confidence, and though I can not always give a correct diagnosis, I can generally relieve the patient, which is more to the point as far as she is concerned. One patient, who was under treatment for six weeks, or two months, was so much pleased that she offered to pay for a much needed window in the gynaecological corner of the Dispensary. Although I have had no great number of patients any one day, the numbers keep up from day to day, right along, except Sunday which is a holiday. I have succeeded in getting the people so trained that often I do not have a patient on that day, and rarely more than two or three; and they never do it again, for I tell them they will have to pay double for their medicine—an argument that always has weight with the native.

Ononta Ghose, the husband of Minnie Ghose, one of my zenana

teachers, has been my colporteur for some time. He is doing good work, and seems to take pleasure and interest in it. He comes to me about once a fortnight with his report, and to get more supplies. Many leaflets are distributed and a great deal of Christian literature is getting into circulation from the Dispensary. Ononta goes to all the houses, in the near villages, and leaves a leaflet at each house. He reports a good reception almost everywhere. One village, called Seeromoni, about six miles away, has a market every Thursday; and, until the rainy weather came on, Ononta had standing directions to go there every week. He was at first badly received, the people sometimes threatening to prosecute him if he came to their village any more, trying to distribute Christian literature. If they wanted to know about Jesus, they said, they would hunt for the knowledge themselves, he need not come and try to force it on them. But, afterward, those same valiant ones would come to him and ask for leaflets. Umase helps me with the patients and goes to the Bible school two hours and talks to the waiting ones, and in the afternoon goes to the bazar with the preachers to preach. He improves I think, as he gets more experience. He usually sells some Gospels each day.

We have at last separated the older and younger children, and Sunday afternoon I take the former, and talk to them about things the younger ones wouldn't understand, while someone else takes the little ones. It is a great improvement. I am Sunday school superintendent, and have a class, and immediately after Sunday school have teachers' meeting. These, with the children's meeting in the afternoon, and the C. E., which I have recently joined, make Sunday a full day. I am chairman of the prayer meeting committee, and have to arrange the meetings and translate the subjects and notes. Pray for me. I want to do better work and more and more of it. I want especially to ask your earnest prayers for the zenana teachers. Remember them each by name, also Umase and Ononta.

[No report has been received from Miss Butts.]

#### BALASORE.

MISSIONARIES: Shirley Holmes Smith, M.D., Miss J. J. Scott, Miss E. E. Barnes, (now in this country), Miss M. E. Dawson, Miss Bromsvetsch.

[It is a matter of great regret that no reports have arrived from Balasore, especially since there are many things of interest to report—the dedication of Kindergarten Hall, completion of the well for, and repairs upon, Sinclair Orphanage, the generally healthy and happy condition of the girls as noted in personal letters from Miss Dawson, the pledge of a fund for the continuous support of a child; the progress of the schools, with the Government grants, prizes and scholarship. See articles in the HELPER for 1905: April, "Two Shut-in Disciples;" May, "A Kinder-

garten Letter," and "Happenings in Balasore;" August, "The Hindu Girls' School at Remna;" October, "Dedication of Kindergarten Hall."

Dr. Shirley Smith wrote from Balasore, August 30, "I have had twelve patients this a.m., including three Orphanage children for eyes. This is about the usual number. Since January 1, I have had 732 Dispensary patients, beside Orphanage children and other patients on the compound, and have treated or made calls on 286. Am getting a little reputation, and most of the villagers round about come to me now." She adds, "Miss Dawson is doing so well with the Orphanage and is such a good worker that I hope she will remain with us."

Miss Dawson writes, under date of October 10, "I have received the official communication from the Board concerning my staying on in the Orphanage as superintendent. I am deeply grateful for the confidence placed in me and I trust it will never be disappointed. I have enjoyed the time I have been in Balasore, as well as the work and the workers. I am sending you some handkerchiefs, made by the girls, for sale in America. They are busy with their work on the veranda now. The Bible Women's examinations take place Saturday. They have been working hard and I hope will pass. They are having holidays on account of the great Durga Puja, so are attending Bible class every morning. One of the girls, Shanti, for whom I have been praying some time has asked for baptism. She comes to me every evening for Bible study and prayer. There are two others for whom I am especially praying. I know they are interested and I trust the Holy Spirit will soon lead them to confession. I am so thankful for the happy, helpful spirit which the girls manifest toward each other."

An article by Miss Scott, to appear in an early number, will give items of interest and encouragement about work among the native women. It is a matter for thankfulness that Miss Barnes, who has undergone a serious operation since her return to America, is rapidly regaining health and strength. Pray for our missionaries at Balasore, also. They are so few, compared with the great needs; their tasks are so heavy, their strength often so inadequate. *Let us give them every help possible.*—[EDITOR.]

As we review not simply the past year, but the thirty-two years of our history and see the growth and development, both of the Society and its work, I think no one can question the divine leading. Whatever changes the future may bring, I trust we will say with united hearts and hands,

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,  
Over mountain or plain or sea;  
I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,  
I'll be what you want me to be."

SARAH C. G. AVERY.

Wells, Maine.



## REPORTS OF HOME SECRETARIES

[MRS. ADELAIDE B. WEBBER FOR NEW ENGLAND].

In our annual report we can give only an outline of the work of our loyal women. The few weeks' visit of Rev. Elizabeth Moody, last autumn, was very helpful. Barrels of clothing and household necessities were sent to western homes and to Unicoi, and generous contributions were given for the work. Barrels have also been sent to Harper's Ferry and boxes to India.

The mission course is being studied and Japanese teas have added to the interest in the text book.

The increase in thank-offerings is commendable. The growing interest in the Cradle Roll is full of promise for the future. The year's work has closed, and the benediction of the Master, "she hath done what she could," is the reward of consecrated service..

## MAINE.

President, Mrs. Alma M. Cousins, Steep Falls; recording secretary, Mrs. R. M. F. Buzzell, Ocean Park; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary E. White, Bowdoinham; treasurer, Mrs. Flora T. Thurlough, Maple Grove; superintendent of junior work, Mrs. Lottie P. Cook, Madison; superintendent of cradle roll, Mrs. Ida Salley, Bridgewater; agent for Missionary Helper, Miss Myrtie G. Kinney, Houlton; advisory, Mrs. Mary R. Wade, Ocean Park.

One new auxiliary has been organized. Some auxiliaries have gained in membership and others have lost because of removals and deaths. Much faithful work has been done. That our apportionment of \$2,000 has been more than met, while so many auxiliaries have responded generously to other calls for financial help, is very gratifying. There are evidences that much faithful effort and a large amount of sacrifice has been put into the work of the year. A number of barrels have been filled with useful articles and sent to Harpers Ferry, and several boxes for the workers in India.

Mrs. Russell, superintendent of junior work, resigned at the close of the year. She has put much time, effort, zeal and enthusiasm into the work. All of the quarterly meetings, with the exception of two, are working with the children. Most have junior societies, but in some the work is done in Sunday schools. Mrs. Lottie P. Cook of Madison was elected as junior superintendent. Thirty-one shares in Miss Barnes' salary are taken.

A number of thank offering services have been held in localities where none were ever held before. The March and April Helpers are to be used again the coming year. Fifteen hundred annual letters were distributed and an effort was made to interest our workers in the Bureau of Missionary Intelligence in order that they might make use of so much valuable material in aiding the work and educating the workers.

We were grieved to have our Helper agent report a falling off in subscriptions. Plans were adopted to increase the list of subscribers. Thirteen women pledged themselves to be responsible for five subscriptions each. They were to either secure the names of five women to take the Helper, or make gifts of them to people who cannot take it. Several subscriptions were taken, so about 70 copies are already provided for another year.

The work of the new year is entered upon with the desire for deeper spiritual fervor, and a feeling of our great dependence upon the influences of the Quiet Hour. In God we trust; for Him we labor; to Him we give all the praise.

Number of churches, 226; auxiliaries, 55; members, 993; Cradle Rolls, 28; 1 roll of Advanced Light Bearers; Helpers taken, 714; raised by thank offering, \$417.09; total, \$2,335.99.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

President, Mrs. Lizzie A. Sanborn, Loudon; corresponding secretary, Miss Flora M. Tuck, North Danville; recording secretary, Miss Ella C. Hurd, East Manchester; treasurer, Mrs. Ethel E. DeMeritte, 35 Lexington St., Dover; children's secretary, Miss Alice M. Sims, 24 Cushing St., Dover; agent for HELPER, Mrs. Hattie L. Heath, Concord; Cradle Roll secretary, Mrs. Ella M. Foss, Bethlehem.

The work in this state has been one of progress, resulting from earnest work in the carrying forward of definite plans. The president has sought, by correspondence, to encourage and to find new workers. The apportionment has been met. There was also an increase of 39 subscribers for the HELPER. There are forty auxiliaries, with an increase of two the past year. Sixteen shares are taken in Miss Barnes' salary. There are 11 junior societies, and in Dover and Farmington shares are taken in the Sunday school.

There has been an increase of five Cradle Rolls and 77 more members. Eighty-eight dollars has been raised.

Five years of the little card and mite box and the sweet and wholesome lessons have laid a moulding touch on the man or woman of tomorrow—who can tell the result?

New Hampshire is to be commended for its many bequests. Two hundred dollars have been received from the bequest of Mrs. Hills, making the "Mother Hills" fund \$300.00. The prospects for the future are unusually bright. An effort is to be made to organize an auxiliary in every church and, where this is not practicable, make a missionary department of the Ladies' Aid, the membership of which shall be every woman who pays one dollar yearly into the treasury of the Woman's Missionary Society. This is our work, but we must not forget other denominational work; that, also, is ours. Hitherto hath the Lord led us. "Faith and works win."



Number of churches, 96 ; auxiliaries, 40 ; Cradle Rolls, 39 ; members, 395 ; Advanced Light Bearers, 11 ; HELPERS taken, 489 ; raised by thank-offering, \$365.78 ; total receipts, \$2,189.79.

## VERMONT.

President, Mrs. E. Newell, Lyndon Center ; secretary and treasurer, Miss Hattie Parker, Newport Center ; Cradle Roll secretary, Mrs. F. H. Perkins, Washington ; HELPER agent, Mrs. Lydia W. Blake, Sutton.

The secretary has made an earnest effort to secure the quarterly remittances from the auxiliaries, and the observance of the thank-offering. There are nine auxiliaries. Recently a junior society was organized at Middlesex with seven members. There is one Cradle Roll at St. Johnsbury.

The executor of the estate of Mrs. Hannah B. Parker, Sylvester S. Doud, has sent her bequest to the W. M. S. It amounts to \$950, after deducting the state tax. Mrs. Parker lived in Sutton, Vermont, and for many years supported a child in Sinclair Orphanage. Her will provides that the income shall first support a child in the Orphanage, and "the residue" shall be used as the society may direct.

Number of churches, 34 ; auxiliaries, 9 ; Cradle Rolls, 2 ; members, 29 ; number of HELPERS taken, 83 ; raised by thank-offering, \$40.55 ; total receipts, \$1,322.85.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

President, Mrs. Frances S. Mosher, 107 Howland Street, Boston ; recording secretary, Mrs. W. H. Hook, 12 Wilson street, Lynn ; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. H. Page, 19 Nichols street, Haverhill ; treasurer, Mrs. Maud Kenyon, 528 Chelmsford street, Lowell ; superintendent Cradle Roll, Mrs. Alice T. Bassett, 48 Riverside street, Lowell ; junior superintendent, Mrs. M. A. Caverly, 38 Mt. Avenue, Lynn ; HELPER agent, Mrs. E. F. Palmeter, Lincoln street, Stoneham.

A special meeting of the Woman's Missionary society was held in Haverhill at the time of the annual meeting. This detracted some from the usual order. The business meetings were interesting. Results prove that much faithful work has been done. The thank-offering was more than last year and the total receipts show a gain of \$76.55. Mrs. Hayes of Lawrence has organized a class of girls into a missionary society and they are going to help in the education of Esther, of Balasore, India. Four shares are taken in Miss Barnes' salary, one share from the kindergarten and one from the primary department of the Chelmsford street Sunday school in Lowell. The Cambridge and Somerville juniors, one share each.

Number of churches, 18 ; auxiliaries, 18 ; HELPERS taken, 195 ; Cradle Rolls, 6 ; Advanced Light Bearers ; thank-offering, \$133.96 ; total receipts, \$396.97.

## RHODE ISLAND.

President, Mrs. Ella H. Andrews, 122 Vinton street, Providence; corresponding secretary, Miss Lena S. Fenner, 127 Cranston street, Providence; recording secretary, Mrs. Gertrude L. Deckard, 116 Gladstone street, Arlington; treasurer, Mrs. Ida F. Ricker, 32 Warren street, Providence; HELPER agent, Mrs. Phebe E. Tilley, 15 Durfee street, Providence; superintendent children's work, Mrs. Lenora L. Jefferson, 43 Spring street, Pawtucket; superintendent Cradle Roll, Mrs. A. F. Hall, 150 Stanwood street, Providence.

Interest in missions and in our woman's work for woman is good. All that concerns our woman's society and our denomination at large is dear to our hearts. We hope for a bright working future. The study of Japan has been of especial interest and profit this year, and several of the auxiliaries have supplemented the study with Japanese teas, sociables and costume exercises. Some have added books pertinent to the subject to the mission libraries. Printed programs, arranged for the year in advance, are becoming popular and helpful. The Thank Offering is a strong institution here, attended by increasingly good results. We have found that the plan of representation in our churches where there are no auxiliaries is a good one. We have four such representatives. It is their duty to collect memberships, get HELPER subscribers, and stimulate an interest in the work.

We have a good HELPER list, as a state, but not so good as we wish it was, or mean it to be, so much of our work is dependent upon the information and stimulus imparted by our little magazine. I doubt if any other state can boast a HELPER agent, in active service, ninety years of age; we have one in dear Aunt Fanny Eddy of Greenville. Appreciation is shown for the excellent programs of our district meetings by the large attendance of our women.

Number of churches, 36; number of auxiliaries, 12; members, 264; Cradle Rolls, 9; Advanced Light Bearers, 1; HELPERS taken, 271; amount raised by thank-offerings, \$218.78; total receipts, \$396.43. Number of HELPERS taken in New England, 1,816; receipts by thank-offerings, \$1,176.16; total receipts, \$7,114.43.

The president of the HELPER branch of the International Sunshine Society, Mrs. Rivington D. Lord, 593 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., writes: "We have had a steady increase in membership in the past year. The work has been most harmonious, and we know that through our being banded together in the HELPER Branch, many lives have been brightened." She also extends cordial greetings to her Sunshine family.

ADELAIDE B. WEBBER.

*Somersworth, N. H.*

[*Mrs. A. A. McKenney for the West.*]

As we review the work of the W. M. S. in the Western States, dur-

ing the past year, we find it compares favorably with that of other years. While we are thankful we have been enabled to accomplish as much as we have, we realize there is an ever increasing demand for workers in this great Western field. There is such a need in some of our churches for local work, that our sisters are helping support services in their home churches, also have assisted in canceling the indebtedness of our General Conference Board, as well as the systematic work of the Woman's Missionary Society.

## INDIANA.

Indiana sends no report of work done, but has contributed \$40.00.

## ILLINOIS.

Illinois has also raised \$40.

## MICHIGAN.

Michigan—President, (moved from the State); Vice President, Mrs. W. P. Van Wormer, Hillsdale, Mich.; Secretary, Mrs. Minnie E. Parsons, Saranac; Treasurer, Miss Loma Garwood, Cassopolis, R. F. D., 2; HELPER Agent, Mrs. Cassie Rexford, Casnovia; Children's Secretary, Mrs. J. J. Hancock, Wixom. There is one Mission Band which has sent \$1.00 to Mrs. Murphy and \$6.10 to Miss Barnes. The Cass and Berrien Q. M. have given their collection of \$7.04 on the Gen. Conf. "Deficit." Michigan rejoices in the thought that Mrs. Hattie Phillips Stone is in the State, for her knowledge and helpful spirit will be an influence for good.

Churches, 78; auxiliaries, 38; members, 255; Cradle Rolls, 8; members, 72; HELPERS taken, 82; total receipts, \$662.11. Considerable work in this Y. M. has not been reported.

## WISCONSIN.

Wisconsin—Friends of missions in this Yearly Meeting have given \$17.00.

## MINNESOTA.

Minnesota—President, Mrs. Minnie Miracle, Winnebago City; secretary, Mrs. E. M. Sparks, Diamond Bluff, Wis.; treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Sparks, Diamond Bluff, Wis.; HELPER agents, Mrs. Stella Kennan, Minneapolis and Miss Ina Gates, Winnebago City.

The sisters are still earnestly at work in the cause of missions in this Y. M. Nearly all our churches observed the thank-offering service. Some of our auxiliaries are much interested in the Sunshine work. The Winona auxiliary had a pleasant time preparing a package for India. Our Western field agent labored as pastor of the Winnebago church for

five months. We feel assured the subject of missions was not forgotten by her.

Number of churches, 29; auxiliaries, 15; members, 207; Cradle Rolls, 4; members, 80; HELPERS taken, 93; total receipts, \$605.49.

#### IOWA.

Iowa—President, Mrs. Thera B. True, Edgewood; secretary, Mrs. Carrie Miles, Tripoli; treasurer, Mrs. Addie B. McColley, Estherville; agents for HELPER, Mrs. Margaret McLeod, Central City and Mrs. Clara McBride, Curlew; children's secretary, Mrs. Bertha Sanborn, Fairbank.

Churches, 27; auxiliaries, 13; members, 78; children's societies, 3; HELPERS taken, 30; total receipts reported, \$235.13. I think this is not the whole amount raised.

#### NORTH KANSAS.

North Kansas—President, Mrs. N. L. Abbey, Jamestown; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. L. A. Franklin, Dentonville; HELPER agent, Mrs. Esther Hines, Haddam; children's secretary, Mrs. N. L. Abbey, Jamestown.

Our sisters in North Kansas have raised their apportionment, beside raising twice that amount for local work. Under the leadership of Mrs. Abbey the children are well instructed in missions.

Auxiliaries, 5; members, 54; Junior Christian Endeavor, 2; members, 7; Cradle Roll, 5; members, 53; total receipts, \$55.12. Nebraska raised \$3.15; Missouri, \$3.00; California, \$33.00

(MRS.) A. A. MCKENNEY, Western Secretary.

*Winona, Minn.*

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#### [Mrs. M. W. Thomas for Children's Work, East.]

The inevitable changes that the years bring to our workers, make it necessary to select new material for superintendents in this line of work, as in all others, but the work grows and spreads, in spite of all drawbacks.

Through Mrs. May Russell, Maine reports \$150.00 raised for missions by the Juniors and a number of new societies added; every Quarterly Meeting in the state, with two exceptions, having adopted this line of work.

New Hampshire reports, through Miss Alice M. Sims, most earnest endeavor, and while many of the societies are slow about sending reports, yet we are sure that valuable work is being done.

Massachusetts and Rhode Island each report efficient work accomplished among the little people, through the C. E. societies, which is a very encouraging feature.

Vermont is still unsupplied with a Junior Superintendent, but we expect to find the right woman for the place. Please help us Vermont, by sending the name of such a woman. Our plan is a very simple one and we will be glad to send the printed circular, which gives full directions to any one who will undertake the work.

M. W. THOMAS.

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[*Mrs. George for the Cradle Roll of Little Light Bearers.*]

MAINE.—Mrs. Ida T. Salley, Bridgewater, secretary, who labored under the usual difficulties of a new secretary, but has been very earnest and faithful. She reports 28 Rolls with 1 Roll of Advanced Light Bearers, all contributing \$38.00. Without doubt the report is incomplete through lack of responses.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Mrs. Ella M. Foss, Bethlehem, secretary, has flourished apace. Reports are almost complete. Ad. L. B. Rolls, 11; L. L. B. Rolls, 39; total, 50 Rolls. Total L. L. B. members, 418; A. L. B.'s, 67; total, 485. Contributed, \$100.20.

VERMONT.—Mrs. L. W. Pease, Wheelock, secretary. One new roll has been formed at North Danville. Rolls, 2; membership, 29; contributed, \$6.14. (St. Johnsbury Roll.)

MASSACHUSETTS.—Mrs. Alice T. Bassett, Lowell, does not report. Six Rolls for L. L. B.'s and 1 of A. L. B.'s, 7 in all.

RHODE ISLAND.—Mrs. Annabelle F. Hall, Providence, secretary. L. L. B. Rolls, 9; A. L. B. Rolls, 1; total, 10; members, as reported, L. L. B., 81; A. L. B., 9; contributed, \$13.13. Three Rallies held.

NEW YORK.—Has 2 Rolls at Poland, in care of Mrs. Harry Holcomb. L. L. B.'s, 16; A. L. B.'s, 4. Contributions, \$4.00 from both.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Has one Roll, at Marshlands, in care of Mrs. Nora Dewey.

INDIANA.—Has one Roll at Oakland City, in care of Mrs. M. O. Cockrum. Not reported.

ILLINOIS.—Mrs. Bertha Negley, secretary, unreported. Two Rolls were reported last year.

MICHIGAN.—No report, Mrs. Nellie Buffum, newly appointed secretary. Probably at least 4 Rolls with a membership of about 40.



MINNESOTA.—No secretary and no report. The Roll at Delevan, charmingly conducted by a little superintendent of thirteen years, Miss Sarah Smith, shows what purpose can do. She has a C. R. of 11 members and 4 A. L. B.'s, giving \$3.18.

IOWA.—Mrs. Laura M. Tennis, Aurora, secretary, reports 6 Rolls of L. L. B.'s and 1 of A. L. B.'s. Mrs. Tennis has worked especially through Quarterly Meetings by messages and papers, a most desirable method.

KANSAS (North).—Mrs. N. L. Abbey, Jamestown, secretary. The work grows steadily. A full report. L. L. B. Rolls, 5; members, 45; money given, \$9.68; 3 rallies held.

KANSAS (South).—Mrs. Grace Cilley, Rose, secretary. Has 3 Rolls, with 34 members. It is to be regretted that Mrs. Cilley must lay down this work just as she had become acquainted with it.

NOVA SCOTIA.—Mrs. G. M. Wilson, Argyle, secretary. Reports 5 Rolls, with 40 members in four of them. The last not fully organized.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—1 Roll at Sussex, in care Mrs. D. P. Gosline.

SINGLE LIGHT BEARERS.—Harold G. Clark, Benner, Me.; Blanche Virginia Osgood, Richmond, Va.; Irene Davis, Wilbraham, Mass.; George William Cook, Jr., Washington, D. C.; Fayette Mabelle Fisher, Hillsdale, Mich.; Ruth Bonny Kelley, Grand Ledge, Mich.; Paul Emery Moody, Springfield, Ohio; Roland Bickford Reeves, Nebraska.

The exact number of rolls in total, I cannot give. Making no account of some unreported Rolls in one or two states, which I believe are still not lost, it seems to me that 140 Rolls ought to be a safe estimate. Total receipts from these, as shown by the treasurer's monthly report in HELPER, from July 1, 1904, to July 1, 1905, \$204.10.

Two hundred and forty-six Membership Cards have been sent out, presumably, of course, to new members. The new leaflet, "A Day with a Child in India," by Miss Coombs, has met a cordial reception and work made much easier by the new explanatory leaflet and price list.

One hundred and forty letters and 52 postals have been written. In closing this report, may I say a whole-hearted "thank you" to all who have, by kindness or faithfulness in word or deed, been helpful, and that at no time has our Cradle Roll Department offered so many opportunities for furthering its work.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—Balance from last year, \$8.09; received from Miss DeMeritte, \$25.00; received from sales, etc., \$16.28. Total, \$49.37.

EXPENDED.—For membership cards, leaflets and other supplies, \$29.71; for postage, mailing expenses, general expenses, \$16.29. Total, \$46.00. Balance on hand, \$3.37.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The thank-offering work of the year has been much as heretofore. Each member has a special part of the work which she faithfully cares for, throughout the twelve months. Mrs. Jordan carefully notes the special causes for our thanks, as well as those every day blessings so freely bestowed upon us as a society, and calls our attention to them in the March HELPER, urging us to observe the service and bring an offering for the work. She also tells us that the "cards of invitation and the envelopes for offerings" are ready for our orders, which should be sent to Miss Edyth R. Porter, Peabody, Mass.

Mrs. Whitcomb, from her abundant store so carefully garnered through the year, as well as original matter, prepares for us pleasing and instructive programs, for the Juniors and their older friends, which appear in the April HELPER; and refers to our Bureau of Missionary Intelligence for further selections of poem, song or story, beside what are found in the current and past numbers of our magazine.

Meanwhile, the other member has written many personal letters, to friends in the various churches and to state and Q. M. officers, in the interests of this department of our work, urging and encouraging the holding of the service, and attending to the detail work necessary in order that the cards of invitation and envelopes for your gifts shall be ready in advance of your orders.

In the years of its observance the money value of the thank-offering has increased from a few hundred dollars, the first year (1891) to the sum of \$1,631.98 in 1904, with ever an increase over the preceding year, both as regards number of services held, and the amount of money given. This year the sum total is but \$13.32 less than in 1904, even after the extra gifts toward the cancellation of the General Conference foreign mission debt, in which we all so gladly aided.

The total for 1905 was \$1,618.66, coming from Maine, New Hampshire, Michigan, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Iowa, Vermont, Ohio, Illinois, Connecticut, Kansas, New York, Wisconsin, California, the sums varying from \$417.09 from a New England state to \$1.00 from far away California. There were orders filled for nearly eight thousand invitation cards and envelopes from a host of interested workers for woman's work for women and children in our own home land and among the dark browed sisters in India.

Shall not our watchword be, "A thank-offering service in every church?" How much of prayer and earnest effort and sacrifice, perhaps, it would mean, but who could measure the results? Only He who knows all things.

CLARA A. RICKER, *Chairman.*

*Lisbon Falls, Maine.*

## REPORT OF WESTERN COMMITTEE

Immediately after the General Conference at Hillsdale, our Western Missionary, Miss Moody, went east and remained four weeks after the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society at Saco. This took her from her usual work in the West, but the mutual acquaintance with the needs, methods, things accomplished, outlook and workers of our whole field made it a profitable trip. After her return she spent two weeks at home arranging her books, corresponding and doing other work in the interest of the Woman's Missionary Society. She then went to Winnebago City, Minnesota, to supply for our church there during the absence of the pastor. She remained six months and during this time she was not unmindful of the missionary work, although busy with her church. She visited two Quarterly Meeting sessions and three churches. After her return to Hillsdale she visited the Hillsdale Quarterly Meeting and, in August, went to Iowa to the Yearly Meeting. She reports interesting, helpful and hopeful meetings here. She has sold fifty copies of "The Life of the Sinclairs," taken subscribers for the MISSIONARY HELPER, found some Cradle Roll babies and, in various ways, shown herself "instant in season and out of season" for good works. The trip east and the pastoral work have taken her from the Western field. We regret this for ourselves, but our missionary's health demanded a change. The constant going from place to place, exposed to all kinds of weather and hardship, was a strenuous life indeed. There was in it, too, little chances for reading, study or meditation, things indispensable for growth. Realizing these things, we accepted the change, hoping that in a few months the young pastor would return to his people in fully recovered health and our sister with renewed vigor could prosecute our field work. But our Heavenly Father has other thoughts for both of these workers. It is apparent that Mrs. Moody needs her daughter at home, so a church has been secured, nearby, where she can supply and still be at home much of the time. Our loss is certainly their gain. Miss Moody is building a cozy house into which she expects to move soon with her mother and brother. This house she has earned herself and it represents a great deal of endeavor on her part. We wish the Woman's Missionary Society might be in Hillsdale and give her a genuine house warming. We trust many blessings of good will and love, from many people, will float this way in a few weeks, when the housewarming will begin. Miss Moody cannot, of course, do field work this year, but she will do what she can by correspondence and advice. It is hoped that the Western Field Secretary, the Western Committee and Miss Moody—in correspondence with the state officers, and with the help of efficient women in the states who, perhaps, can do some visiting within their own states—can make such plans that the work will not languish, but that greater enthusiasm throughout the field, many new auxiliaries, increased contributions, a larger circulation of the HELPER,

greater interest in the children and the Cradle Rolls, and much spiritual growth will be in the happy report of next year.

M. AUGUSTA W. BACHELDER, *Chairman Western Committee.*  
75 Fayette Terrace, Hillsdale, Mich.

### REPORT OF BUREAU OF MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE

This being my first year as superintendent of the Bureau of Missionary Intelligence I hardly know how the work compares with other years, but I have had very enjoyable experiences, not the least of which have been the words of appreciation for the existence of the bureau. Because of inexperience and ignorance, it was inevitable that some mistakes should be made; but it is said we learn more from our mistakes than from our successes.

The bureau has obtained some new mite boxes for auxiliaries and the pamphlet "India" has been reprinted. The amount received for supplies sent out compares favorably with the report of last year. Thirty-five copies of "The Story of the Sinclairs" have been sold and one copy of the "History of the F. B. W. M. S." has been ordered. There has been some call for costumes, but nothing has been done toward replenishing them as was recommended last year. Largest orders for leaflets have come from New Brunswick.

Thanks should be extended Miss Kate J. Anthony, who had the bureau for 19 years, who has been very kind in explaining costumes and curios, and to others who have helped me in the work.

#### *Financial Statement for Year Ending Sept. 30, 1905.*

Amount in treasury Sept. 30, 1904.....	\$38.97
Amount paid by Mrs. Avery for literature between Sept. 30, 1904, and Dec. 1, 1904.....	10.75
Amount received from Mrs. Avery.....	\$28.22
Amount received from supplies sent out.....	44.62
Total amount received.....	\$72.84
Expenditures:—	
Express .....	\$ 4.60
Freight .....	2.42
Postage and postals .....	10.89
Literature .....	49.44
Balance in treasury Sept. 30, 1905.....	5.49
Total .....	\$72.84

AMELIA D. CHAPMAN, *Supt.*



## REPORT OF GENERAL AGENT

In importance we believe our missionary magazine holds a first place in the departments of our work. Firmly believing this, our committee has persistently and carefully labored for the welfare and development of our "HELPER." It is by the knowledge gleaned from the pages of the HELPER, that we are stimulated and directed into missionary activities. And the farther and wider its pages can be distributed the greater will be the amount of endeavor put forth in the cause of missions. Changes are now being made which will add to the attractiveness and efficiency of our magazine. Will not all unite with this committee, the Editor and Publisher, to make this year a boom year in its history.

The matter of the Porter Memorial Fund for the endowment of our literature department has been well launched this year; first by a prefatory article in the July "HELPER," and second, by a leaflet about to be issued, intended for free circulation to explain and diffuse knowledge concerning this fund. It remains now to be locally and personally worked up. While yet in its inception two gifts have been received. This is an object well worthy the generous gifts of our people; both because of the long years of service given this department by our sister, and because of the real need and value of such an endowment for this line of our work. It surely must commend itself to loyal and thinking Free Baptists. Shall we not enable our Treasurer, one year from now, to report \$1000.00 in this fund?

A re-issue, up to date, of the pamphlet "India," has been made this summer. We have no doubt it will be found as valuable, and made as useful, as was the first issue. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ELLA E. STANTON, *Chairman.*  
MISS LENA S. FENNER, *Secretary.*

*Providence, R. I.*

## REPORT OF GENERAL AGENT

The publishing department of THE MISSIONARY HELPER has been continuously active during the past year. Early in November a letter was sent to each of the one hundred and fifty agents, soliciting prompt and careful attention to the list of local subscribers. As usual these letters were well received, and many agents were prompt and faithful in their work.

The opening of the Young People's Department, in January, resulted in some new subscribers among young people. In March letters were sent to all delinquent subscribers, calling attention to their indebtedness and requesting payment. By the use of these several means we are able, year by year, to keep our subscription list well paid up. It seemed to be apparent, during the year, that not as many new names were being received as usual; so it was not altogether a surprise, at the



close of the year, to find that the subscription list had fallen off two hundred names.

There is no one factor that is more important in carrying forward the work of our society than our HELPER. It is indispensable. No one questions but what it is well edited and in every way worthy of support. Yet we must have a much larger number of subscriptions to place our magazine on anything like a self-supporting basis. The subscription list is the vital force in the financial support of our magazine. Owing to the increased price of labor and material, a number of periodicals are raising the subscription price, but this should be the last resort of our HELPER. The present price puts it within the reach of every one, and we must see to it that the magazine is put into many more Free Baptist homes.

Just at the close of the year, on account of the change made in the business department of The Morning Star, we were obliged to relocate the printing office of our magazine; and, while making the most favorable terms possible, we have been obliged to largely increase expenses, so that we come to our constituency this year with a need more urgent than before, that each state take a definite interest in, and lay plans for, a vigorous campaign for subscriptions. We have always found that the friends of our society responded to imperative needs, so we courageously present the financial condition of our magazine, believing that to know the need will stimulate you to meet it.

Probably no one plan of largely increasing subscriptions would be best for all Yearly Meetings or States, so we ask the executive officers of each, to proceed at once to lay such plans as are most practical, to be pushed among their constituency. We shall need \$400, more money this year than we had last, to meet all expenses. This means one thousand new subscribers, as we must always count on the loss of some, from death and other causes. Our magazine will be better printed and on better paper, with better illustrations than ever before, and your Editor and Agent will endeavor to give better service than heretofore.

What has the future in store for our HELPER? It will be what we make it. Will not each one who reads this report help to make the coming year a successful one for our magazine?

ELLA H. ANDREWS.

*122 Vinton St., Providence, R. I.*

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#### REPORT OF DELEGATES OF NATIONAL CONVENTION

Report to the F. B. W. M. S. of its representatives, Frances Stewart Mosher, president's proxy, and Lura Brackett Lightner, delegates to the fifth triennial of the National Council held in Washington, D. C., April 9 to April 15, 1905.

Our society was most cordially received. There were public and private expressions of pleasure and interest in our return. Mrs. Grannis

received a vote of thanks for her efforts in this matter. Our report was assigned a prominent place on the program. As it happened it was read when the largest audience of any day session was present. There were only four public meetings. No individual societies furnished speakers, but the platform was occupied by well known readers and lecturers.

Your representatives attended nearly every business meeting and public session. We voted at every opportunity. In the resolutions committee your member expressed definite opinions. In argument in public sessions our opinions were expressed by others and it was not necessary to multiply words. We were fortunate in being in harmony with the Council and were not obliged to vote in the minority at any time.

For the details of business and incidents we refer any interested to our published report in the HELPER, Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES STEWART MOSHER,  
LURA BRACKETT LIGHTNER.

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#### REPORT OF EDITOR

In view of the fact that the missionary magazine often has to struggle for existence, has it an adequate reason for being? "Yes," and again, "Yes." "Probably no means has been so widely used to voice the call of God," writes Dr. Pierson, "as the printed page." More and more, missionary literature is being recognized as a potent factor in the missionary campaign, and the magazine is an essential part of that literature, to keep it up-to-date and to provide channels of communication between workers at home and abroad; making possible a practical knowledge of present needs and a consequent prompt action.

You recall the assertion, "One who leads should know something about every mission and everything about some mission." This happy condition would be out of the question without the missionary magazine, in connection with other sources of information.

Dr. Dwight, Secretary of the Bureau of Missions, says: "The periodicals of the missionary societies show a steady tendency to improve in literary quality, and in technical and artistic excellence." This is true, and the reasons are several. It is a joy to make beautiful that which we love, and to this end we give our best service; but the chief reason is that no one will subscribe for a periodical today, if it is not gotten up in an attractive manner, always excepting, of course, the faithful few to whom all is beautiful which has a helpful purpose.

There never was a time when the missionary magazine had more power, or when it was more difficult for it to hold its own, contradictory as the statement appears. Denominational papers and periodicals are well-nigh pushed to the wall, financially, by the vast and increasing number of low-priced, alluring, secular papers and magazines, made possible by high-priced advertisements. The missionary magazine cannot,

and would not, try to compete with these; but it must recognize the changed conditions and adapt itself somewhat to them, while keeping steadily about its task which represents a divinely appointed mission.

Dr. Dwight said, further, "The organs of the various woman's societies often excel in the element of what is technically called 'human interest.'" It is this "human interest," as he so aptly phrased it, which gives peculiar power to the woman's magazine. A certain sisterliness, throughout the organizations which they represent, makes no appeal through their pages in vain. "We all belong," in a very definite and practical sense, and each is swift to respond in sympathy, prayer, time, money, to any vital need set forth in the "family letter."

You are aware that it was necessary for us to change our place of printing, in September. We left Boston and our old home in the Star office with regret, because of the years of friendly associations; but I am sure that you were all pleased with the October number, the first one to be issued from Saco, Maine. A brother editor wrote; "The HELPER looks very neat and attractive throughout. The subject matter and illustrations are excellent. The printing, it seems to me, has been done to a degree of nicety not usually seen."

The past year has been one of progress. The new feature was a quarterly department for young people, conducted by Miss Minnie A. Mellows, Lawrence, Mass., who has given faithful, prayerful thought to her work, and has done so excellently, in spite of the annoying limitations of space, that she deserves, and we bespeak for her, every possible help. Pray for her, write to her, send her the names of young workers in your own church; introduce the department to young people who are not familiar with it; see that one copy, at least, of the HELPER is in each Young People's Society.

Our pages have always been open to any missionary in the field and we have kind friends and helpers among our brothers, both at home and abroad. The series of articles by Revs. Hamlen and Wyman have been of interest and value to all workers and have received many words of appreciation. It is a pleasure to report that they have promised contributions in 1906. The several departments will be continued. If they have been helpful in the past, we hope that you will find them even more satisfactory in the future. We shall emphasize the different phases of our own work in the home and foreign fields. Interesting articles are already in hand representing India, Storer College and the West, with suggestions for an effective public meeting. There will be illuminating side-lights on the study of Africa, and other plans are being matured which will please you.

It is a significant fact that 180,000 text-books for the United Study of Missions had been sold at the beginning of the year. In most cases several persons use one book. Consider the influence upon the homes, mission work of all denominations, and the world! It gives a knowledge which is power to the missionary leader; deeper interest and more ef-

fective service to the auxiliary member, and is a form of education that no woman can afford to do without—surely no professedly Christian woman. Our calendar year now begins in October. General Conference and the Woman's Missionary Society will study the topics, as outlined in *Christus Liberator*, on the same months. We also meet together in February for Prayer and Praise. How widespread, throughout the denomination, should be the influence of this meeting for a deeper spiritual life.

We are brought face to face with the fact that this is a critical time for our *MISSIONARY HELPER*; that there is need of strenuous effort to increase the subscription list. It reminds me of those early days, as the story has been so often told by my mother, "Mother Hills," and Mrs. Burkholder, when a magazine was felt to be an absolute necessity to the life of the work. A few women prayed over it, and planned, and pledged to be responsible, at need. They did not anticipate that it would be a financial success, but they were willing to stand behind the venture. It was a success, however, and with joy they gave up, in a measure, their mothering care. Times and conditions have changed, but the work's need of the magazine is unaltered, and our women—bless them!—have not changed. A few of them have entered the larger life; but those who remain are as loyal, consecrated, ready, as were the workers thirty years ago; and from this meeting, I believe, will go out a wave of influence, set in motion by prayer and practical plans, which will place our little *HELPER* in many new homes. God grant that the great number of women who nominally belong in our ranks, but who are not "in step," may become so aroused to the vital importance of the "Great Commission" that they will welcome, and gladly help support, any means to its fulfilment.

NELLIE WADE WHITCOMB.

*Ocean Park, Maine.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Laura A. DeMeritte, Treasurer, in Account with the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society for the Year Ending August 31, 1905:

#### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand August 31, 1904.....	\$ 835.91
for Fannie R. Moulton Fund .....	\$ 150.00
Hannah B. Parker Fund .....	950.00
Bachelor Fund .....	500.00
Mother Hill's Fund .....	132.50
Susan A. Porter Mem. Fund.....	2.00
Kindergarten Fund .....	25.00
Golden Memorial .....	2.50
100,000 Fund .....	25.25
home missions, including Ind. Dept. at Storer ....	813.94
foreign missions including zenanas and schools ..	477.41
schools, teachers and Bible women at Midnapore..	483.25
schools, teachers and orphanage at Balasore .....	1,208.03



Cash for salary of Miss L. C. Coombs .....	311.23
salary of Miss E. M. Butts .....	63.98
salary of Dr. Shirley Smith .....	342.85
salary of Dr. Mary Bachelor .....	417.06
salary of Miss E. E. Barnes .....	299.98
salary of Miss J. J. Scott .....	269.96
salary of Miss M. E. Dawson .....	20.00
salary of Miss Moody special .....	25.00
salaries of domestic science teachers at Storer....	115.93
salary of kindergarten missionary .....	364.36
passage of missionaries .....	162.12
preacher and colporter .....	80.00
well at Sinclair orphanage .....	19.00
Widows' Home .....	153.11
education of Esther .....	14.75
rooms at Myrtle Hall .....	40.83
travelling expenses of Pres. or proxy to Nat. Council .....	17.50
incidental fund .....	186.25
Sinclair Memorial .....	17.17
from interest of Cristy Fund .....	1,597.93
interest of general funds .....	205.26
interest of Brewster school .....	53.10
temporary loans .....	322.36
for general account .....	2,867.07
Total .....	<u>\$12,736.68</u>

## INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Cash for loans and bonds to be re-invested .....	3,945.00
Total to be accounted for .....	<u>\$17,517.59</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Cash for salary of Miss Ella H. Butts.....	\$ 500.00
salary of Dr. Mary Bachelor .....	500.00
salary of Miss L. C. Coombs .....	400.00
salary of Miss E. E. Barnes .....	400.00
salary of Dr. Shirley Smith .....	450.00
salary of Miss J. J. Scott .....	500.00
salary of Miss M. E. Dawson .....	400.00
salary of Miss Bromvetch .....	400.00
salary of Mrs. L. B. Lightner .....	425.00
salary of Miss Ella V. Smith .....	350.00
salary of Miss Bessie McDonald .....	350.00
salary of Miss Mary Brady .....	300.00
salary of Miss Eliza Sims .....	300.00
salary of Rev. E. Moody in special .....	90.62
salary of Mrs. Arter to Gen. Con. ....	100.00
salary of Supt's of Bureau of Miss. Int. ....	63.75
salary of treasurer .....	250.00
salary of assistant .....	50.00
salary of Mrs. Nundy .....	20.00
education of Esther .....	14.75
schools, zenanas and Bible women at Midnapore..	695.00
preacher and colporter at Midnapore .....	80.00
dispensary and literature at Midnapore .....	55.00
taxes and repairs at Midnapore .....	40.00



## THE MISSIONARY HELPER

Cash for Sinclair orphanage at Balasore .....	500.00	
kindergartens, day and Hindu schools, zenanas and Bible women at Balasore .....	610.00	
repairs at Balasore .....	60.00	
well at Balasore .....	41.92	
passage of Miss Coombs .....	300.00	
Henderson Home .....	522.00	
industrial department at Storer College .....	400.00	
finishing and furnishing Com. Room at Storer....	50.00	
furnishing rooms in Myrtle Hall .....	40.83	
Brewster scholarships .....	45.00	
annuities .....	130.00	
kindergarten fund invested .....	25.00	
Parker Fund invested .....	950.00	
Mother Hill's fund invested .....	98.50	
National Council dues .....	33.34	
travelling expenses to Council as especially given.	17.00	
appropriation to Morning Star Pub. House .....	250.00	
literature .....	72.85	
temporary loans .....	608.82	
commission on care of funds by treas. ....	116.93	
thank-offering expenses .....	47.01	
Cristy Fund expenses .....	32.00	
general expenses .....	127.04	
deficit of Missionary Helper, 1904 .....	168.93	
deficit of Missionary Helper, 1905 .....	179.06	
annual reports .....	108.10	
advertisement in Missionary Helper .....	60.00	
Total .....		\$12,328.45

## INVESTED FUND ACCOUNT

Cash for loans and bonds re-invested .....	3,945.00
on hand August 31, 1905 .....	1,244.14
Accounted for .....	\$17,517.59
Net on hand not including temporary loans .....	985.28

LAURA A. DeMERITTE, Treasurer.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly cast and well vouched.

HARRIET A. DEERING, Auditor.

## STATEMENT OF INVESTED ACCOUNTS

FUNDS	INVESTMENTS
Brewster scholarship .....\$ 1,000.00	Municipal Bonds .....\$ 7,900.00
Batchelder Fund ..... 1,000.00	Railroad Bonds ..... 10,150.00
Curtis Fund ..... 1,000.00	Corporation Bonds..... 5,500.00
Cristy Fund ..... 29,752.00	Mortgages and Notes with collateral ..... 11,250.00
Dearborn Fund ..... 425.00	Savings Banks and Trust Co.'s ..... 2,962.58
Mary A. Dearborn Fund... 400.00	
Golden Memorial:	

Cole Fund, \$500.00; general donations, 389.87.....	889.87	Stocks .....	6,671.00
Hanson Fund .....	500.00		
A. L. and E. A. Hanson Fund .....	800.00		
Kindergarten Fund .....	25.00		
Littlefield Fund .....	300.00		
Mother Hill's Fund .....	500.00		
Moulton Fund .....	500.00		
Parker Fund .....	950.00		
Prescott Fund .....	2,000.00		
Sundry Fund .....	200.00		
Starbird Fund .....	1,000.00		
Sinking Fund .....	500.00		
Temporary Loans .....	1,050.00		
Mary B. Wingate Fund ....	500.00		
Working Capital .....	972.00		
Widows' Home Funds ....	169.71		
	<u>\$44,433.58</u>		<u>\$44,433.58</u>
		Premium on Stocks .....	6,000.00
			<u>\$50,433.58</u>

Real Estate: Henderson Home and Brown Dispensary, Midnapore, India; Sinclair Orphanage, Dorcas Smith Widows' Home and Caroline A. Bradbury Kindergarten Hall, Balasore, India.

LAURA A. DeMERITTE, Treasurer.

I have examined the foregoing invested funds and find them in amount and kind as stated by the treasurer.

HARRIET A. DEERING, Auditor.

Receipts are from the following sources:

Thank-Offering		Total	Thank-Offering		Total
Maine .....	\$ 417.09	\$2,335.99	Wisconsin .....	2.00	17.00
New Hampshire....	365.78	2,189.79	Connecticut .....	10.00	15.00
Vermont .....	40.55	1,322.85	New Brunswick ...		12.00
Rhode Island.....	218.78	868.83	Dist. of Columbia ..		5.25
Michigan .....	221.07	838.69	Nebraska .....		5.15
Minnesota .....	126.73	592.46	Missouri ....		3.00
Massachusetts ....	133.96	396.97	Tennessee .....		2.00
New York .....	6.50	366.64	Interest of C. F. ..		1,597.93
Iowa .....	41.96	312.15	Interest of B. S....		53.10
Nova Scotia .....		201.70	General interest ...		205.26
Prov. of Quebec....		175.00	Temporary loans ..		322.36
South Dakota .....		81.15	Funds re-invested..		3,945.00
Kansas .....	7.74	62.95	India treasury ....		125.00
Illinois .....	11.50	49.50	Miscellaneous items		424.16
Indiana .....		48.50			
Pennsylvania .....		46.10	Total receipts .....		\$16,681.68
California .....	1.00	33.00	Total Thank-Offering ....		1,618.66
Ohio .....	14.00	27.20			

Necklet awarded to Vermont.

## APPROPRIATIONS

## MIDNAPORE

Miss L. C. Coombs' salary .....	\$500.00
Dr. Mary W. Bachelor's salary .....	500.00
Zenanas .....	260.00
Dispensary, station expense .....	30.00
Colporteur and preacher .....	40.00
Miss Ella M. Butts' salary .....	500.00
Town and Primary Schools .....	325.00
Literature .....	25.00
Bible women .....	110.00
Taxes and repairs .....	40.00

## BALASORE

Dr. Shirley H. Smith's salary .....	450.00
Kindergarten .....	120.00
Day School, including Hanson Fund .....	150.00
Hindu Schools .....	135.00
Miss Emilie E. Barnes (if on the field) .....	500.00
Miss M. E. Dawson's salary .....	400.00
Orphanage .....	590.00
Bible Women .....	85.00
Repairs .....	60.00
Miss J. J. Scott's salary .....	500.00
Miss J. J. Scott, zenana work .....	120.00
Miss Bromvetch .....	400.00

## STORER COLLEGE

Industrial Department .....	400.00
Mrs. L. B. Lightner's salary .....	425.00
Miss Ella V. Smith's salary .....	375.00
Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald or substitute .....	350.00
Miss Mary E. Brady .....	300.00
Miss Eliza Sims' salary .....	300.00
Lecture Fund .....	25.00
Western Work .....	100.00
Mrs. J. Arter, Cairo Mission .....	100.00
Treasurer's salary .....	250.00
Assistant Treasurer's salary .....	50.00
Salary of Supt. of Bureau of Missionary Intelligence .....	60.00
Free Literature .....	20.00
Cradle Roll .....	20.00
Thank Offering .....	50.00
Advertising .....	60.00

Total .....\$8,725.00

ALICE M. METCALF, Rec. Sec.

## STATE APPORTIONMENTS

Maine .....	\$2,000.00	New York and Pennsylvania .....	50.00
New Hampshire .....	1,600.00	Illinois .....	100.00
Vermont .....	400.00	Pennsylvania .....	100.00
Massachusetts .....	550.00	Michigan .....	600.00
Rhode Island .....	1,400.00	Indiana .....	100.00
New York .....	100.00	Iowa .....	400.00

Minnesota .....	600.00	India .....	50.00
Nebraska .....	50.00	California .....	50.00
South Dakota .....	75.00	Province of Quebec .....	50.00
Kansas .....	50.00		

## "MISSIONARY HELPER" ASSIGNMENTS

Maine .....	\$1,000.00	Illinois .....	\$200.00
New Hampshire .....	600.00	Michigan .....	550.00
Vermont .....	150.00	Iowa .....	200.00
Massachusetts .....	350.00	Nebraska .....	100.00
Rhode Island .....	450.00	Kansas .....	100.00
New York and Pennsylvania .....	325.00	Wisconsin .....	130.00
Ohio .....	275.00	Minnesota .....	200.00
Indiana .....	150.00	Dakota .....	30.00

## Contributions

## F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Receipts for October, 1905

## MAINE

Anson Q. M. ....	\$ 3 18
Atkinson Aux. ....	4 82
Charleston Aux. ....	3 00
Cumberland Conf. Coll. for Balasore Wk. ....	4 45
Dexter Aux. by dues .....	3 00
Dover & Foxcroft Aux. ....	2 25
E. New Portland Aux. ....	2 00
E. Raymond, Miss Coombs .....	1 00
Ellsworth Q. M. Aux. Coll. ....	6 25
Garland .....	2 25
Groveville Aux., Miss Coombs .....	2 00
Grey Aux., Miss Coombs .....	2 00
Hollis Aux., F. M. ....	5 00
Kingfield Aux. ....	3 00
Litchfield by Mrs. Taylor .....	1 00
Madison Aux., teacher's salary .....	6 25
Milo F. B. W. M. S., nat. teacher Emily .....	6 25
No. Lebanon Willing Workers, Miss Barnes .....	4 00
Ocean Park. Toilers-by-the-Sea .....	50
Pittsfield Aux., Nettie's salary .....	6 25
Portland Aux., Miss Coombs .....	10 00
Portland Aux., Dom. Sci. Storer Col. ....	10 00
Portland, Miss. Band Miss Barnes .....	1 00
Spragues' Mills, C. R. ....	2 00
Steep Falls Aux., Mary Wingate, S. O. ....	3 25
Steep Falls, C. R. ....	4 50
Sebec & Exeter Conf. ....	9 68
Springfield Q. M. Aux. ....	3 00
W. Falmouth Aux., Dom. Sci. Storer .....	5 00
W. Falmouth Helping Hands, Miss Barnes .....	4 00
W. Falmouth C. R. ....	1 65

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

Ashland Aux., T. O. ....	\$10 00
Alton, Mrs. Mary Pinkham for Miss Coombs' passage .....	2 00
Bristol Aux., Child, S. O. ....	6 25
Belknap Asso. Coll. ....	5 30
Bow Lake .....	2 00

Canaan .....	\$ 5 00
Candia .....	8 00
Dover, Wash. St., C. R. ....	10 00
Dover H. H. & F. M. Soc. from E. E. & F. W. D. for nat. teacher .....	12 50
Dover H. H. & F. M. Soc. nat. teacher .....	12 50
E. Tilton Wom. Coll. for H. M. ....	2 00
Farmington Aux. ....	3 00
Farmington C. R. ....	30
Franklin Falls Aux. ....	2 00
Gonic Aux. ....	5 00
Hampton Aux., Miss Butts .....	5 00
Lakeport Aux., int. Cole Fund for Widow's Home .....	12 50
London C. R. Enrollment Fees .....	1 50
London C. R. and Child. Band .....	4 00
London Aux. ....	5 00
Milton Aux. ....	5 50
New Market .....	2 00
New Durham Aux. ....	12 50
Portsmouth .....	8 50
Rochester T. O. ....	50
Rockingham Asso. Coll. ....	1 89
Strafford Corner, Miss Butts .....	5 00
So. Berwick .....	3 00
So. Danville C. R. ....	7 01
So. Danville Aux. ....	6 35
Somersworth Aux. Coll. annual meeting W. M. S. ....	13 49
W. Lebanon, ½ H. M.; ½ F. M. ....	9 00

## VERMONT

W. Charleston Aux. ....	\$ 5 00
W. Derby Ch. ....	3 00
Wheelock Asso. W. M. S. Coll. ....	5 11
Y. M. W. M. S. Coll. ....	6 03

## MASSACHUSETTS

Lowell, Est. Mary A. Latham .....	\$50 00
Lynn High St. Aux., nat. teacher .....	6 25
Mrs. Ellena Palmeter, dues .....	1 00

## RHODE ISLAND

Carolina, K. W. . . . .	\$ 5 00
Greenville Aux., K. W. . . . .	10 00
Pawtucket Aux., K. W. . . . .	7 50
Pawtucket Aux., Ind. . . . .	7 50
Providence Rog. Wms. Y. P. S. C. E., K. W. . . . .	18 75
Providence Park St. Aux., K. W. . . . .	5 00
Providence Park St. Ind. . . . .	5 00
Providence, Elmwood Ave. Y. P. S. C. E., Child, S. O. . . . .	6 25
Providence, Pond St. C. R. . . . .	3 50
Taunton Aux. . . . .	8 00

## MICHIGAN

W. Oshtemo Miss. Soc. for S. O. . . . .	\$ 6 50
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## MINNESOTA

Blue Earth City W. M. S. F. M. . . . .	\$16 00
Huntley W. M. S. . . . .	13 00
Minneapolis, F. M. . . . .	15 00
Poplar Grove Aux. . . . .	12 31

## IOWA

Little Cedar, Miss Scott . . . . .	\$ 5 00
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Lincoln, Miss Scott . . . . .	\$ 4 75
Mt. Zion Ch. (\$3 Miss Scott; 45c. C. R.; and 51c. T. O.) . . . . .	3 96
Q. M. Coll., Miss Scott . . . . .	1 82
Spencer Aux., Miss Scott . . . . .	6 00

## KANSAS

Hickory Grove, C. R. . . . .	\$ 3 00
Kansas, Y. M. W. M. S., Miss Barnes . . . . .	4 46

## MISCELLANEOUS

Income Mother Hills Fund for Gen. Funds	\$10 00
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Total . . . . .	\$565 91
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LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treas.**Ocean Park, Me.*PER EDYTH R. PORTER, *Asst. Treas.*

NOTE—Money contributed by Nova Scotia—  
\$50.00—will be used by consent of Mrs. Mary  
Phillips for appropriation to Kindergarten Work  
at Balasore.

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